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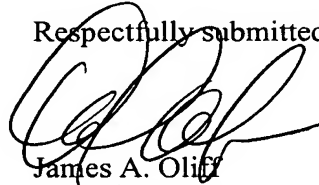
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- ☒ 5. References 1, 2, 3 and 4 correspond to references 5, 6, 7 and 8, respectively.
- ☒ 6. An English-language translation of the Office Action is attached.
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